

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUGUST 26, 2013

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, August 26, 2013 with Commissioners, Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, Ken Masters, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order. Ken Masters made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 12, 2013 as presented. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMA

Chuck Kemker, EMA director presented the Rush County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan for promulgation. Mark Bacon moved to accept the emergency operations plan. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried. Kemker also reported on the active shooter training that he has been providing. He is also working with the Health Department for the Preparedness Fair where 200 backpacks will be given away. Most of the 800 MHz radios have been updated by Mr. Kemker.

Ride Rush

Ride Rush director Wanda Henderson presented the INDOT Grant Application. The Commissioners approved the application by passing Resolution 2013-1 on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters. The following documents were then signed: FTA Certification & Assurance, State of Acceptance, Local Assurances, Application for certificate of Inventory, and Pass through agreement.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Sandy Fussner of the Chamber of Commerce asked for the county's support for the Covered Bridger Poker Run set for Saturday, September 21st during Rushfest. Mrs. Fussner was told that the wine tasting could not take place on the county owned bridges but that was the only restriction.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Terri Nigh secretary to the Rush County Board of Health presented an amendment for tattoos and piercings. Attorney Leigh Morning requested time to review the amendment and the corresponding ordinance. Ken Masters moved to table action to the next meeting. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EXTENSION OFFICE

Kristi Amos stated that Rush County was well represented at the State Fair and now that the fair had concluded all the exhibits have been returned to the Extension office.

AREA PLAN

APC Executive Director Kevin Tolloty expressed that his office has been extremely busy. David Rogier's contract as interim director will end this week and Mr. Tolloty is in the process of hiring part time staff.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Ashley Stevens, Director of Community Corrections introduced Jacob Kolb as the new Case Manager. Ms. Stevens reported that there are 19 inmates in the program. Permission was granted for Community Corrections to use the courthouse on Saturdays when required on a motion by Ken Masters and seconded by Mark Bacon. The Jeep purchased for the program has been delivered and \$54,000 dollars in grant funds was available for carry over for next year.

GASOLINE BIDS

Gas bids were advertised to be opened at 9:30. The only bid received was from Harvest Land for \$3.387. After conferring with Sheriff Sherwood and Mike Osborne the Harvest Land representative Ken Masters moved that the submitted bid be rejected and that the Sheriff lock in a price at a later date and bring the bid back to the Commissioners for approval. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton reported that the ECDC had requested the Highway Department and the Commissioners to sign a letter of support to change the rural county road to a collector road for the Cherry Street extension project. Mark Bacon made a motion to sign the letters and Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sitton has found a 75 ton crane on the government surplus list. He was investigating the cost of shipping. Sitton questioned the county's liability is he was to allow community corrections inmates to work at the highway department?

INSURANCE

An insurance renewal form was signed by Commissioner Levi. Amendment #9 that conforms to Health Care Reform was signed on a motion by Mark Bacon. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADA COORDINATOR

An amended ordinance (2012-6) that changes the name of Rush County's ADA/Section 504 Coordinator from Kate Meyer to Kevin Tolloty was signed on a motion by Ken Masters with Mark Bacon seconding the motion. Motion carried.

FIBER BOARD MEETING

The fiber board held its regular meeting at which time, Tom Barnes tendered his resignation. Ken Masters moved to advertise for a replacement to the board. Mark Bacon seconded the motion.

SHERIFF

The sheriff's report showed 34 inmates with 2 sentenced to DOC. Sherwood requested the title be signed on a 2008 Durango being used to trade-in on a 2013 Dodge truck. Ken Masters moved to sign the title. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Chief Deputy, Duane Raab will be retiring from the sheriff's department and Sherriff Sherwood asked the commissioners support in retaining his current staff. Commissioner Masters asked why the quarterly clothing allowance is paid on the payroll. The auditor replied that federal law classifies that as a taxable fringe benefit.

WIND FARMS

The Nordex Wind Farm project is on hold indefinitely but the county is receiving bills for professional services. Commissioner Bruce Levi is negotiating the cost with Chris Brooks from Nordex.

COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Levi reported that the timers on the courthouse air conditioning are not functioning. Roof repair for the courthouse is now scheduled for cold weather. Two digital record companies have been contacted about county records. Speeding is an issue on Ft. Wayne Road, a request for a four way stop at South St & Benner in Mays was received, and there was a complaint of an abandoned house in Milroy.

AUDITOR

- The Treasurer's Report was presented.
- A surety bond for Susan Spaeth was signed on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters.

Claims were approved on a motion by Ken Masters. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Payroll for August 30th was approved on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters.

Motion to adjourn was received from Mark Bacon. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/ Bruce Levi
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon

/s/ Ken Masters
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor

